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## Step in time

Wilberforce Elementary School's Stephanie Rogers, from left, Chelsea Chamberlain, Keira Alden and Divya Nayyar step in place, as part of morning exercises on Thursday, Feb. 4 in Wilberforce. The students have been recording their exercise drill repetitions to track their past efforts to evaluate their progress. /DARREN LUM Staff



## More than 150 students 'left behind' as internet issues disrupt online learning

MIKE BAKER

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

When students from across Haliburton County returned to the classroom late last month, teen Finn Tentrees breathed a huge sigh of relief.

It has been a rough year for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School [HHSS] victory lapper. Following the closure of all Ontario schools last March, and the subsequent transition to online learn-

ing, Finn was one of the many youth inexplicably left behind due to issues surrounding internet connectivity.

Speaking to the *Echo* recently, Tentrees said he was forced to put his life on hold after struggling to adapt to a system he feels inadvertently isolated a portion of the province's student body. While he had plans to attend university following his Grade 12 year, an inability to access online study plans and live-streamed classes meant Finn fell behind in a couple of key subjects.

"The end of last year, honestly, was a bit of a nightmare," Tentrees admitted. "As we moved into online learning, most of my classes involved some element of livestreaming. Within a week I realized I wouldn't be able to do anything, as I couldn't load into the streams. I would get messages from friends telling me I'm dropping out of the live stream, but there was nothing I could do about it."

Like many people in Haliburton County, Tentrees lives rurally. He shares a home with his mom and little brother on

Gelert Road, between Minden and Kinmount. Internet speed in that area is a huge problem, with Finn saying he sometimes has trouble completing even a simple Google search.

Services such as Netflix and YouTube are totally inaccessible, Finn says.

The other caveat is the internet package the family relies on includes a maximum monthly data allowance of 100 gigabytes. With two students attempting

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# Daisy Duke, beloved Bonnie View Inn pig: 2012 to 2021

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

When Daisy Duke died at the end of January, Andrea Hagarty was inundated with comments, e-mails, messages, photos and stories of the eight-year-old pig that had become a beloved icon and mascot of the Bonnie View Inn.

"[Daisy] lived a very loved 'pig life' full of adventure, visits from many, many, many friends and soooooo much good food from the Bonnie View restaurant," said Hagarty on an Instagram post eulogizing Daisy on Jan. 30.

"So sorry to hear about Daisy," said one commenter in response. "One of the things we looked forward to at breakfast at Bonnie View was taking some fruit to Daisy and seeing [that] tail wag."

"So many wonderful memories of me calling you to the fence for the guests to see you," said another. "Serving breakfast and getting some very interested kids excited to give you some wonderful leftovers and coming to see you to give you a good scratch."

"[Daisy] was such a good pig, and a friend to all," said another.

Hagarty has long been known for her love of pigs, an animal she found cute and comforting, and that became the theme of birthdays and Christmas gifts to her. She had always wanted a pet pig, but her home in Mississauga wasn't an ideal spot for an animal. In 1992, when she knew she would be staying at the Bonnie View Inn for a long period of time, she said she "put it out there" that she was looking for a pet pig. That's how Penelope, a miniature Vietnamese pot-bellied pig from a family on Gelert Road, came to be the first pig to live at the inn and start making connections, facilitating friendships and providing unique interactions for stories.

"A couple of years ago I was with my husband at Wanderlust in Mount Tremblant," said Hagarty. "We were guiding a hike and I was the sweep [at the] back of the group. There were two people at the back with me and we got talking. I said I lived in Haliburton and owned a resort called the Bonnie View Inn – the lady said, 'my dad gave a lady at a resort a pig years ago!' Crazy small world. That was Penelope."

Penelope was at first an indoor pig, who would greet guests in the lobby, sit, stand and roll over and was completely housetrained. But after Hagarty's son was born, Penelope became jealous, stealing his soother when he dropped it, chewing it up and spitting it back at him. Eventually she moved outside and became an outdoor pig, living in a pen next to the inn with a heated insulated shed in the back and a walk-out so she didn't have to touch the snow in winter.

"She was popular for guests and kids from all over to visit her and feed her vegetables," reads a history of the pigs written by Hagarty. "She was an amazing composter for leftovers in the restaurant, except for the snow peas she would leave off to the side."

Penelope eventually died of old age in 2008, leaving behind a legacy and an empty pen.

"After her, I didn't want another pig ever again at first," said Hagarty. "But the guests came all that year and wanted to see a pig – hence, I got Daisy."

Friends of Andrea found Daisy at a farm on Hwy 11, and soon Daisy was as popular as Penelope, acquiring a well-fed job at the Bonnie View as the inn icon, where a pig became part of the logo and the patio, Daisy's, was named for the new addition to the Bonnie View family.

"Daisy was so funny," said Hagarty. "She loved people. Loved food."

The inn gift shop had piggy banks and pig logos on the shirts, and when guests asked 'why the pigs?', Hagarty responded by hanging a framed story of her love for pigs in the lobby, a space filled with more than 1,200 pig-themed gifts guests had brought Hagarty through the



Left, Andrea Hagarty pets Daisy Duke, the Vietnamese pot-bellied pig pet who was an icon at the Bonnie View Inn, featuring in the logo, on clothing, and as the namesake of the inn's patio bar, Daisy's. /Photos submitted

Below, Daisy Duke enjoys the view from Killara Station, where the iconic Bonnie View Inn pig retired in 2019. Daisy died in January of health-related complications and old age.

years.

"I had them up on shelves in the lobby so when a guest returned, I could say – there is your pig!" said Hagarty. "I still get them! I have the ones from the lobby in my house now in Minden on the back deck, because truly each one is special. For Christmas this year we had a 'pig' theme at our house with the outside decorations from guests gifts – light up ones."

When Daisy was small, Hagarty felt bad that the pig was outside alone, and asked online if anyone had kittens.

"I had read that they were the best friends for pigs," said Hagarty. "A few days later, a local lady brought me a box of kittens she was looking for homes for, super little, and I picked one. It lived inside for a bit but then I tried to introduce her to Daisy and there was no way it was staying outside ... it kept coming back inside."

That cat was Jazz, a kitty with an Instagram (@wheres-jazzthecat) who lives in Minden and has a story of her own, quickly finding ways to be welcomed into snack-filled homes of neighbours and taking walks along the Riverwalk with visitors.

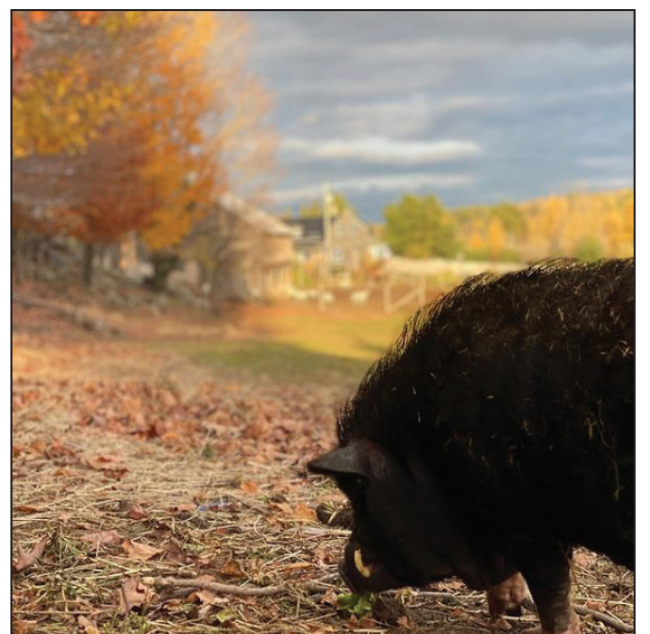
"A few years later we found kittens across the road, not sure where they came from, but one found Daisy and they became best friends," said Hagarty. "I called it Fred and he hung out sometimes on [Daisy's] back."

When Hagarty closed the inn last winter, there was no food from the restaurant, power on for heat or people around to take care of Daisy, and Randy and Sue MacDonald at Killara Station said yes right away to taking Daisy – and Daisy's cat, Fred – in.

"Randy and Sue took wonderful care of Daisy," said Hagarty.

They also noticed that Daisy might be more of a Duke.

"I thought Daisy was a 'she' the entire time I had 'her,'" said Hagarty. "Then when she got to Killara Sta-



tion, we found out 'she' was a 'he'."

Daisy was missed at the Bonnie View, where Hagarty said the past summer without the beloved pig there, "it was constant, people looking for [Daisy]."

Now, after Daisy's death, the well-known pig will be missed throughout the county and by Bonnie View Inn guests from near and far. "The reaction is way bigger than I imagined, over 600 interactions between Facebook and Instagram, over 150 comments/emails and messages with pictures," said Hagarty. "We will have some kind of memory book here at the inn in the history section for sure."

## Haliburton County to remain in lockdown until at least Feb. 16

MIKE BAKER

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The provincial stay-at-home order will remain in place for residents of Haliburton County for at least another week.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced on Monday [Feb. 8] that the lockdown had been extended for most of the province, with a transition back to the colour-coded regional shutdown measures to begin this week.

"Today, we're seeing some sunlight break through the clouds," Ford said in his address to the public. "My friends, the measures are working. Staying home is saving lives... We can't return to normal, but we can transition out of the province-wide shut down."

Three regions will see COVID-19 restrictions loosened on Wednesday [Feb. 10], with Hastings Prince Edward

public health; Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington public health; and Renfrew County and district health unit transitioning back to the green zone.

It's expected that the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit will move out of lockdown on Feb. 16, alongside most other regions across the province. Ford announced however that Toronto, Peel and York regions would remain in lockdown until at least Feb. 22.

There was some good news for business owners, with Ford stating that non-essential retailers within lockdown zones, including ours, will be allowed to open their doors with a 25 per cent capacity limit. The same applies to some other businesses, including discount and big box retailers, liquor stores, hardware stores and garden centres.

Ford noted that personal care services are to remain closed, while gatherings at residences are still prohibited.

Indoor recreational fitness facilities and ski hills will also remain closed, Ford said.

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# Gerontology student bringing joy through robocats

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

A few years back, researchers in southwest England invited a group of people aged 60 to 99 at a supported living retirement complex to interact with eight different toys, each of them at a separate station. As participants moved around the room engaging with the toys, which included lifelike robotic companions designed to look like a seal, a dog and a cat, as well as less interactive toys like a plastic dinosaur and a knitted hedgehog, researchers filmed the activity and later led the seniors in a group discussion and debrief of their experiences.

Amongst the 17 participants, more than half most preferred their time spent with the toys that were familiar, soft, interactive and lifelike, choosing as their favourite the cat, followed by the dog – robotic companion toys that were created under the Hasbro name and are quickly becoming a common support in long-term care homes and assisted living facilities.

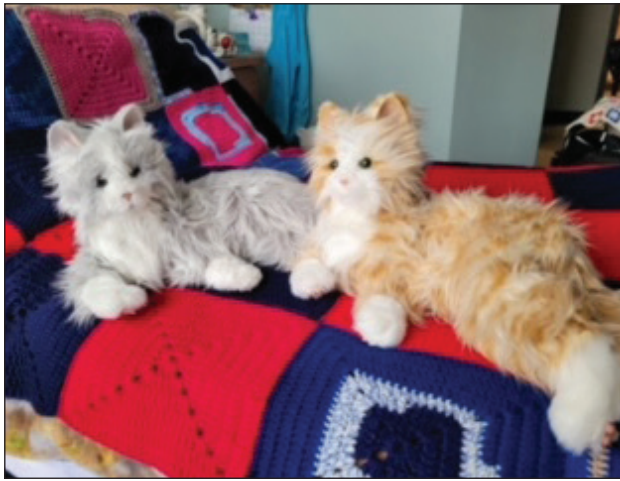
It's a study that drew the attention of Lynda Williams, a Haliburton resident who is studying for her second degree during her retirement and, in her downtime, organizing an online fundraiser to help purchase 25 Joy for All cats for local long-term care homes.

"It's just awesome how these things work," said Williams. "They're so interactive, it's really quite amazing."

Williams was a teacher at J. Douglas Hodgson, though at the time of her teaching career which began when she was 19, it wasn't yet necessary to have a degree.

"I always thought, I'd really love to go to university," she said. "Once I hit 60, I thought, I'd really love to go to university."

After doing some research, Williams found that two universities in Ontario waived the tuition fees for seniors and so found herself in her 60s earning her first degree –



Robotic companion cats are soft, lifelike, and respond to touch and interaction, making them a comforting addition to long-term care homes where residents might be feeling isolated during the COVID-19 pandemic. Haliburton resident Lynda Williams hopes to bring 25 of the cats to local long-term care homes. /Submitted photo

in religious studies with a minor in women's studies – in 2015. When she found out that four-year degrees were being offered online, she enrolled again, and is currently studying a major of gerontology with a minor in Indigenous studies.

"This will be my second degree through Laurentian [University] because I wanted an honours," she said. "Because who knows, I might go on to my Master's, I'm not sure. That's kind of the hope."

Williams, who is 70 and whose mom is 93, said gerontology was of interest to her in part because of the conversation toward looking at how aging well and living in

a congregated living setting can be done "in a different way, in a more gentle way, in a more inclusive way," to allow for autonomy for seniors as they age.

As she studied, she became interested in research done on the positive effects of roboanimals – most of it recent, conducted in the past decade or so.

"At the beginning they were using them mostly for dementia patients but now they're finding how good they are just for anybody," she said. "I've seen them in person, so I know if you touch here, it looks at you, if you touch somewhere else, it'll roll over because it wants its belly rubbed, and it will meow. It's fairly good that way, even when you just see it, and it feels really nice, which is a big change from what there used to be ... Because of how they're lifelike, how they look lifelike, they feel lifelike, and what they do is lifelike."

In some states, including New York and Florida, the robotic companion animals have been distributed to long-term care homes where isolation during the pandemic is causing stress for residents at a time with fewer visitors, including live therapy animals. The Joy for All line in particular was first introduced, to great success, in Dec. 2015.

"Within the first few months, the effects that these products were having on aging loved ones and their families was undeniable," reads the Joy for All website. "Stories and testimonials from caregivers on the positive impact on isolation, loneliness, and all forms of cognitive decline continued to validate what the team had believed all along – that the power of play was relevant at all stages of life."

While our local long-term care facilities do have access to some robocats, Williams said she wanted to ensure there would be enough animated companion pets to help those who are most feeling the effects of isolation

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## Dysart sees more than \$58 million in new development in 2020

MIKE BAKER

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

While COVID-19 ensured that most people couldn't wait to see the back of 2020, Dysart et al's chief building official noted there were some positives to come out of the pandemic-ridden year.

Karl Korpela informed Dysart council last month that it had been a busy year for development in the local community.

In total, the municipality issued 508 building permits in 2020 with new investments coming in at just over \$58 million.

"It was definitely a busy year considering the COVID-

19 restrictions on [new] building we had for just over a month," Korpela said. "We had a couple of record setting months for building permit issuances."

There were 24 new primary dwellings and 55 new seasonal dwellings built in Dysart over the course of 2020. While not as high as previous years – there were 143 total new dwellings constructed in 2019 and 102 constructed in 2018 – Korpela indicated the major reason for that is there were no new multi-unit residential building applications in 2020.

In his analysis to council, Korpela pointed out an "interesting" pattern he's seen emerge in recent years.

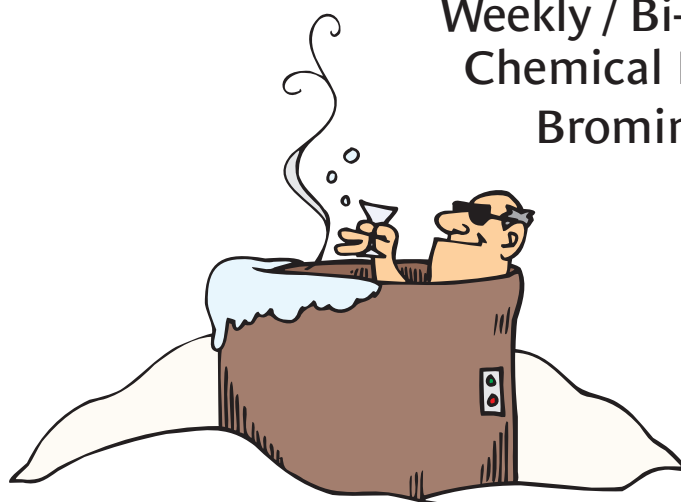
"Any time we don't have a major development, like a multi-dwelling unit project, we typically have twice as many seasonal dwellings built as primary units," Korpela said.

Dysart mayor Andrea Roberts was pleased to hear that people are continuing to invest money in the community.

"Overall, it looks like 2020 was a fantastic year [for development] considering it was a pandemic. People are still investing in our community, either wanting to renovate what they have, or build," Roberts said. "I don't have a crystal ball for COVID-19, but I would sure bet building permits for 2021 will be right up there again."

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## Access to reliable internet 'a human rights issue' says McGill prof

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to learn from home and a mom, who works in web design, trying to keep up with her workload, Finn says they regularly exceed that allowance. The family's most recent internet bill included a \$200 data overage fee.

Reflecting back on those particularly difficult weeks last year, Tentrees said his family had to come up with a schedule for when each of them could access the internet. When his time came around, although he tried, Finn admitted he didn't really know where to turn.

"When I was on [during the day], I'd spend an hour trying to get into the class. Then late at night, I'd lose track of time trying to figure out what I had missed from the live stream. Before I knew it, I'd wasted three hours doing nothing, because I really had no idea what I was doing," Tentrees said. "I felt kind of horrible about myself. After a few weeks in, I did kind of give up. I just couldn't do it anymore."

Most disappointing for Finn was missing out on a Grade 12 chemistry class – a big subject for a student hoping to study cognitive science at university. While his teacher offered support and guidance, Finn decided instead to forego the class, push off going to university and return to HHSS for an additional year.

"The reason I went for the victory lap is because I didn't learn anything from my chemistry class. I wasn't able to do the labs I was interested in doing – the online aspect of the class was wasted on me," Finn said. "Hopefully, with school back, I'll be able to learn something this time around."

Tentrees will begin his chemistry class in April.

Finn's story is just one of dozens across Haliburton County, says Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time.

When Cox started to hear about some of the challenges rural students were facing as they tried to keep up with their studies in an online format, she knew that something needed to be done. She immediately went to work establishing a task force of sorts, committed to improving internet connectivity across Haliburton County.

"This is a very real issue in our community. Unfortunately, some of our students are being left very far behind simply because they don't have access to reliable internet at their home," Cox said.

She estimated there are around 150 students across the county who require access to better internet. With that in mind, the group has started raising money to help pay for a "short-term solution" to the problem.

That solution involves the purchase and distribution of cell phones to students in need. The phones, provided by Rogers, will come equipped with 50 gigabytes of data – allowing students to hotspot internet from their phones. As of press time, the organization has raised \$95,574 and has an end goal of \$180,000. Cox says the committee has, thus far, ordered 90 devices from Rogers, with 15 of them already having been given to youth deemed to be most in need.

Even though schools across the county have returned to the classroom, Cox believes it's important to prepare for the worst in the event another clo-

sure occurs in the future.

While this issue has impacted families with poor connectivity the most, even those who thought their internet service was good have faced issues. Grade 12 student Megan Klose was forced to drive over to HHSS during last year's lockdown and sit in her car in the school's parking lot so that she could access the facility's WiFi and tune into her live-streamed classes. She estimates she made that trip at least 20 times.

While driving over to the school may seem extreme to some, Klose felt she had no other option.

"With the 22-day octomester we did, missing one day was just crazy. Missing one day's worth of classes was the equivalent to missing a week of school," Klose said.

She admitted many of her friends missed class for reasons outside of their control.

"Missing class was inevitable for people who don't have access to internet. I have a friend that, when it snows, doesn't have access at all. So on a bad weather day, she would be missing a week's worth of classes. Online learning is not doable for a lot of people," Klose stated.

In order to finish her Grade 11 year, Klose temporarily moved to Kingston to live with her older sister, who had access to quality internet. Now, she's back in Haliburton to complete her Grade 12 year inside the classroom.

Dr. Michael MacKenzie, a professor at Montreal's McGill University, was born and raised in Haliburton. When he heard about Cox's initiative, he jumped at the chance to get involved.

"A big part of my work at McGill looks at inequalities and opportunities for younger people and their families, and this just stood out for me. We have lots of families in the county with varying levels of internet access," MacKenzie said. "The promise of the internet is it provides opportunities to kids who otherwise wouldn't have access to them. If we have a service like that that is open to some but not others... it doesn't eliminate disparities, instead it becomes part of deepening and solidifying those divides."

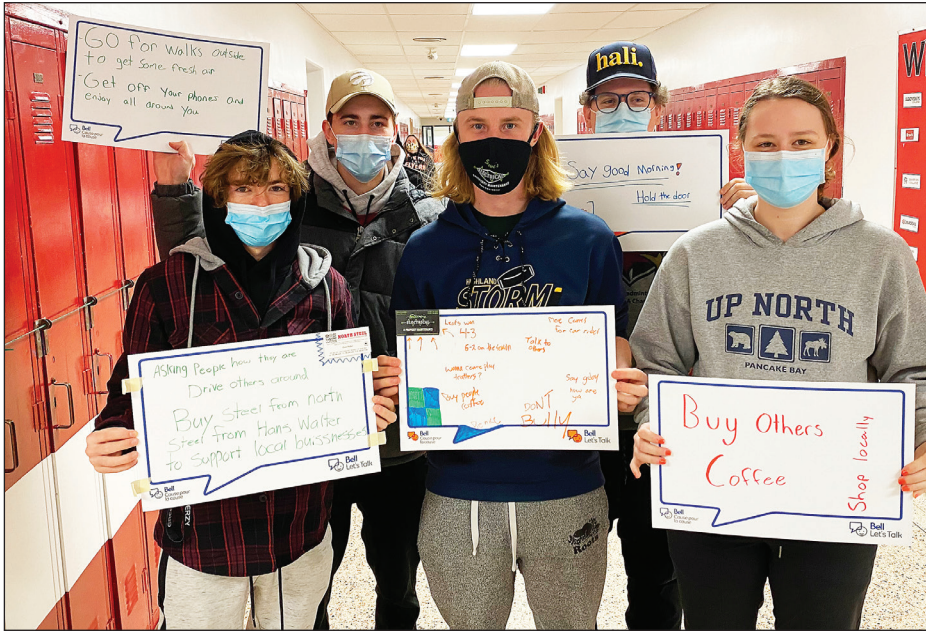
MacKenzie went as far to say that access to reliable internet could be seen as a human rights issue in today's day.

"This isn't something that's just nice to get for people in rural and remote areas. This is a critical part of life. The children of this county are being locked out of opportunities to improve their life," MacKenzie said.

While he's a fan of Cox's short-term solution of supplying cell phones with data plans to those in desperate need, MacKenzie said longer-term solutions are required. The installation of fibre optic lines and construction of signal towers would be an expensive endeavour, one that would require significant investment from both the provincial and federal governments. He believes there may be opportunities too, to look to emerging technologies such as lower orbit satellites to alleviate the issue.

"I think we need to accept that a one-size fits all solution probably isn't going to work here. I hope the feds and the province come to the table with resources to get a mix of solutions that work and help to make internet connectivity a possibility for all residents of Haliburton County," MacKenzie said.





## Red Hawks show support

Students Devon Garbutt, from left, Zach Morissette, Brendan Coumbs, Tyler Martin, and Jamie Colman, who are all from the same cohort, hold Bell Let's Talk signs with messages of support and suggestions for mental health on Jan. 28 to coincide with Bell Let's Talk Day. Bell Let's Talk Day is a national campaign to help with raising awareness and offering words of support through social media for those struggling with mental health, which is further supported by Bell Canada from their financial donations to mental health initiatives. At the school, posting the signs in the hallways was started by the leadership class taught by Paul Longo. Vice-principal Jenn Mills wrote, "It shows that great conversations are happening in classrooms and hallways to help break the stigma!" Mills added the school and the TLDSB "have a number of initiatives throughout the year to support student and staff mental health and well being and also to destigmatize mental illness, for example Children's Mental Health Week in May. /Submitted by Jenn Mills.

# Companion animals help calm, comfort

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and loneliness during the pandemic citing research that suggested people felt "a sense of calm or comfort as a result of holding, hugging or affectionate interacting with this pet," and "improving in mood, a calming influence." She found an Ontario supplier, and worked out details, including a small discount for the bulk purchase - Williams's goal is to bring 10 each of the Joy for All creatures to Extendicare and Hyland Crest, and five to Highland Wood. But at \$250, plus tax and shipping, per robocat, she began reaching out to the community for support through a GoFundMe page, hoping to raise \$5,500 to cover the cost of purchase and shipping of the "furry, fantastic, meowing and purring robocats."

The companion animals can be washed and sanitized, and Williams said the cats might help the residents who receive less phone calls and visits than others, until all residents are vaccinated and they can be shared more freely.

But it's not just because of the pandemic that Williams has launched the

robocats campaign - she said once she did the research and found out how valuable the animatronic animals are to the elderly, she felt compelled to bring them to those in need of some extra comfort. It's long been her nature to help - as a teacher, she tried to support students in need, and appreciates community fundraisers like service club road tolls.

"We're a small community and if we don't support the needs of our community, who is going to?" she asked.

The fundraising campaign to help bring animated companion pets to local long-term care homes began last week, with help sorting out the online fundraiser from Williams's daughter, Heather.

"Share with your friends, put it on your Facebook if you feel comfortable doing so, please get the word out there, thank you very much for anyone who donates," said Williams. "I'm truly thankful for any amount, because pennies make dollars, and dollars keep going."

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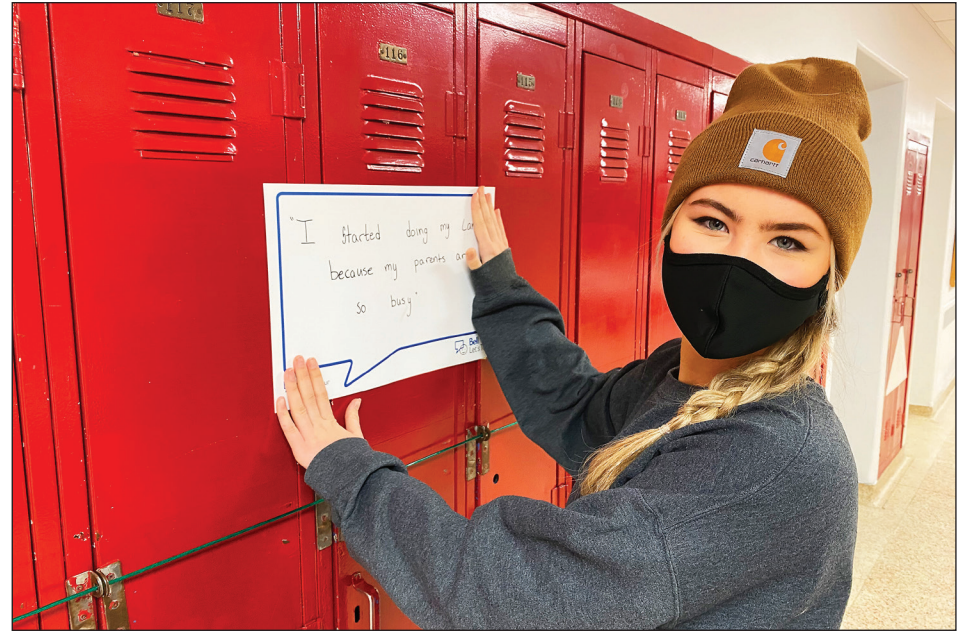
HHHS will continue to closely monitor residents who will remain in isolation for the remainder of the declared outbreak. Staff and essential caregivers, who provide important physical and emotional support to long-term care residents, will continue to participate in mandatory screening as directed by the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

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# HHHS confirms negative results for COVID-19 testing of Hyland Crest staff

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) confirmed on Sunday [Feb. 7] that the COVID-19 tests of all staff at Hyland Crest in Minden have come back negative.

"Obviously this is a tremendous relief for everyone but it does not lessen the need for vigilance with infection prevention and control measures. The staff across our entire organization have been doing an exemplary job to date in this regard and I know that we will all continue to do so," said Carolyn Plummer,



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Summer Clark posts a Bell Let's Talk sign on Jan. 28 to coincide with Bell Let's Talk Day.



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## Internet investments sorely needed

IT WAS DIFFICULT last week listening to some of our local students talk about the struggles they have had and obstacles they've faced with online learning.

As highlighted in today's front page story, one student had to abandon his plans to graduate and attend university after falling behind in an important credit last spring, while another had to leave Haliburton altogether to ensure she kept her grades up.

The elephant in the room at the root of all of these issues is internet connectivity, or lack thereof.

While some of our more urban centres, such as Minden and Haliburton village, have recently been fitted with fibre optic lines, providing reliable internet options to residents within parts of those communities, rural households are forced to make do with aging technology that, quite frankly, is getting pretty close to being obsolete. Or at least it should be.

Many of these households are paying top dollar to tap into mediocre internet that is provided via a small number of service towers spread across the region. The problem is, there are so many individual households pinging off of those few towers that it brings internet speeds to a grinding halt.

One student shared with me that using popular streaming services such as Netflix, or websites such as YouTube is a practical impossibility. Even simple Google searches will give him problems from time to time.

Imagine this individual's reaction then, when he was told early

last year that he would no longer be allowed to go to school and instead would be required to tap into a live stream for several hours each and every day at the exact same time that dozens, if not hundreds of other people will be trying to do the same thing...

Now I'm not suggesting that schools shouldn't have been closed. What I am saying is the provincial government should have come up with a better plan and given more thought to students who don't have access to reliable internet. These kids were basically left to sink last year. That is totally and completely unacceptable.

Even an idea as simple as the one introduced by Point in Time's Marg Cox earlier this year – delivering cell phones with high data capacities to those in need – would have sufficed as a short-term fix. With all the money that has been thrown around over the past year, one

would think a small amount could have been allocated to make sure all of our students could continue learning throughout the pandemic.

Even though our kids have now returned to school, this issue isn't going away. It's going to require significant attention, and investment, from both the provincial and federal governments over the next few years. New technologies will need to be embraced. We need to put pressure on our elected officials to deliver on their promises to bolster internet options in rural Canada, and soon.

It's time to bring our rural communities up to speed.



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## Editorial



Cattail silhouette

by Darren Lum

## When they call

SHE KNEW some people thought she was out of her mind to be doing it. Dangerous, they told her. Especially alone. But as she turned the doorknob to let herself out, all Monika felt was anticipation. Stepping onto the porch she stopped to adjust her coat and the scarf tied high under her chin. It was a cold night. However with no wind, she'd be fine.

There were two aspects of these night walks she liked. The dark and the silence. Mind you it wasn't totally dark thanks to a half-moon and stars. She could see well enough. Knowing the way almost as well as she knew her own kitchen was also a help. The cottage road had very little traffic this time of year and at night she might see one vehicle at the most. Usually there was nothing and no-one except herself. She carried a flashlight but kept it turned off. It was for emergencies only. Defining emergencies was a matter of opinion as far as she was concerned.

The silence was deep. No humming appliances or muted voices. If Monika stopped walking, the crunch of her boots ceased and the quiet was profound. A breeze might rustle last summer's oak leaves but more likely not. It usually took a storm to bring the wind at night. If a change in weather was on the way and the wind had started, she heard the maples creaking like old joints as they swayed.

Living where she did suited her hermit tendencies. And winter was best of all. The nearest year-round neighbours were about a kilometer in either direction. Come summer she knew it would get busier but even then there was only the odd car or truck at this time of the night. So she could walk in peace and quiet. No conversation about the weather or politics. No having to set her pace to suit a companion. Just Monika and the night and a vast wilderness circled all around her.

Of course it wasn't total silence. An owl who liked to hang out behind her

house could be counted on to make her presence known from time to time. The 'woo-woo' reminded Monika there was more than snow and bush out there. Unseen life was hunting or sleeping or watching. She was not alone.

She couldn't imagine living somewhere else. To not have this peace and solitude to calm the mind and nourish the spirit would be a hardship. To say nothing of clean fresh air and the ability to move through the landscape like a queen in her kingdom. For the millionth time she thought how lucky she was to be who she was and where she was.

The road curved around the lake, sometimes moving away from it, other times almost hugging the shoreline. If it was the weekend there would be the buzz of snowmobiles. They threw themselves at the trails in a roar of speed and excitement and when they sped across the lake, their high-pitched whine echoed off the hills. But not now. Now it was only a thin trail of moonlight fingering the lake's vast flat white.

Here was the spot Monika especially liked. The road seemed ready to plunge into the lake, it came so close. She stood on the shoulder gazing out over the silvery landscape. Then she heard it. Far off came the cries of a pack of wolves. Carried on the night air, it was like a chorus from another world. Low, drawn-out howls punctuated with the odd barely discernible yip, rose and fell.

They probably took down a deer on the lake, she surmised. Now they would gorge until they could eat no more. Winter was tough on deer and wolves alike. She knew come spring there would be the remains of a carcass at the bottom of the lake or deep in the bush. She also knew she had nothing to fear from the wolves. They associated humans with pain and kept away. But they were still there, all around. Like the dark.

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# points of view

## Being a GOAT

**A**LMOST AS soon as the Superbowl was over, people started calling Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady, the GOAT. To be honest, I thought that was kind of harsh.

I get it. I was rooting for the Chiefs too. And, clearly, Brady was the main reason the Chiefs didn't win, but that doesn't mean we should resort to name calling.

This was something Trump did. Have we learned nothing from that idiot?

I was telling this to my buddy, however, and he told me that the term GOAT is used as a compliment these days.

"GOAT is short for Greatest of All Time," he explained.

"What do we call goats then?" I asked.

That's where it gets confusing. You see you use the same word. In fact, the way it is interpreted depends on the context of the sentence.

Apparently, the new use for this word slipped by me years ago. But understanding this now is quite a relief because for all that time, I thought people were just being mean to Muhammad Ali, Wayne Gretzky, Babe Ruth and Michael Jordan.

Knowing that was not the case, makes me happy. But what really caused me to smile was the realization that I too have been called a GOAT quite a few times over the last several years. Curiously, almost without fail, this has happened while I was frequenting an all-you-can-eat buffet.

I'll never forget the last time. The waiter saw me loading up my plates for the second time and he whispered to the manager, "I

think that guy must be a GOAT."

At the time, I thought he was referring to the fact that I accidentally ate the paper liner that came with the muffin. But now that I put it into context I realize he was simply calling me the Greatest of All Time.

I should have tipped better.

Why did he decide to do that? I honestly still don't know. There is the possibility that he might have heard how great I am at avoiding chores like mowing the lawn, raking leaves and shoveling snow. Many people have commented I am world class at these things.

I'll admit I make it look easy.

But GOAT? Even I don't believe that.

To be the GOAT is quite a thing, especially when you think about all the greats you are competing against.

I would say I have had moments of greatness. Take, for instance the time I hid all of the rakes under a pile of leaves in the fall of 2016. Or that moment I faked a back injury just before the huge snowstorm of 2015. Yes, it was also me who made the breakthrough discovery that, if you mess with the gap on the spark plug on your lawn mower, you can go fishing.

Clearly, these things demonstrate a real talent. But you need much more than several brilliant moments to be considered the greatest of all time.

I won't fake humility. I consider myself one of the best in the province at avoiding yard work. I will even go so far as to say I have excellent multi-season abilities.

But I have met guys who make me look like a rank amateur. One fellow I know has a five-year-old snow shovel that he could still probably sell as new. The other hung up his rake after his wife made him buy it and, as far as I know, he hasn't taken it down since. As much as I respect these guys, even they are not up in the running.

Being the GOAT takes talent, drive and lifelong effort.

So, while it was nice to be called one, I can only say maaaaaah, I don't think so ...



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## pic of the past

**I**f it weren't for the Red Cross armband, one might think the individual in this week's pic of the past was just about to ride off into battle, or perhaps in pursuit of the hounds. Miss Josephine Jackson, the first Red Cross nurse to serve at the Wilberforce Outpost Hospital, made house calls on her horse from 1922 to 1923.

## letters to the editor

# There are three kinds of politicians

To the Editor,

It seems there are three kinds of politicians in the world right now.

The first is a Jason Kenney or Donald Trump type. Who openly ignore the hard science of climate change, and position themselves as advocates for the fossil fuel industry.

The second, like Justin Trudeau, see that science, accept it, but decide that physics is somehow subject to the same kind of negotiation and horse trading as politics.

The third, which Joe Biden is trying to be, accepts science and acts in accordance with what it says. Last week's cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline was the kind of action climate scientists and social movements have long been calling for.

Let's hope it's the first of many such actions by the new president.

Canada needs more of this third kind of politician, one who understands that the fossil fuel era is ending and acts accordingly.

Justin Trudeau could be this kind of politician. But he would need to move past simply sounding like a climate leader and start acting like one. That means, he would need to stop pushing pipelines and start moving forward with things like the Just Transition Act he promised back in 2019. We still haven't seen that important legislation, but now would be a perfect time for Trudeau to finally deliver.

Lauren Phillips  
Minden, ON

# We can all party when COVID-19 is over

To the Editor,

As a caregiver for my wife who has had to endure cancer treatments during the past 10 months, I wish those of you who continue with risky behavior causing these lockdowns to be necessary, would be more considerate of others.

It cost so many Canadians like my father and his brother five years of their lives between 1940 and 1945 to go overseas, and not see their family for that entire period. They didn't rant and rave like selfish brats.

Elective surgeries are having to be delayed, can-

cer and other patients in need of care have to enter hospitals by themselves with no family members allowed to escort them. No face-to-face consultations. They are all done by phone or zoom.

Health care workers are exhausted. *Exhausted!!!*

We can all have a great party when this COVID-19 is over. Let's buckle down so we can get to the finish line sooner, and truly be considerate of all the patients, and health workers who are caught in these troubled times.

Dave Milner  
Haliburton

# Thank you Mrs. Dormer

To the Editor,

Here is my sweet memory of the Highlands.

When we bought the cottage over 20 years ago, times were different, the Highlands a smaller community. Tradespeople and merchants kept mess drawers with keys to their customer's houses.

When planning to deliver or repair, we told them our address, they commented: ah, the Dormer cottage! Fished out the proper key from the drawer, and all was settled. We never changed the locks and never asked for the keys back.

The Dormers left a linen closet in the house with a few hand-embroidered kitchen towels.

There is one that I have kept; it is not particularly well made or beautiful, but I have treasured it thinking of the woman who took her time and effort to make it. I thought about the grace that her handiwork in my house now kept her memory alive; yet I didn't even know her.

Her heritage inspired me to set out on my journey to attempt creating rather humble craft even though I am not a talented or even handy woman.

Thank you Mrs Dormer.

Emese Kis  
Haliburton



# MOH says most of the nine LTC outbreaks are 'situations'

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

As of last Wednesday, the public health unit was responding to nine outbreaks at long-term care homes, including one at Hyland Crest in Minden where two essential caregivers tested positive.

Gemmill said of the more than 140 cases that had been reported in the health unit's region over the past two weeks – at the time of last Wednesday's press conference – more than half of the cases were associated with outbreaks, and over half of those outbreak cases were associated with a testing campaign conducted at one of the long-term care homes.

"We call them outbreaks because that is what the province of Ontario has defined them as, and that is one person or more ... whether they have symptoms or not, testing positive for coronavirus," said Gemmill. "And in fact of those nine, I'll call them situations, two of them are truly outbreaks that have affected a number of the residents and staff for which we are doing regular re-testing, we are ensuring that all of the infection control procedures are in place to try to bring these to a halt."

Two long-term care facilities in the region were dealing with "more significant situations," those being Caressant Care long-term care home on McLaughlin Road in Lindsay, and Hope Street Terrace in Port Hope.

"I will be honest with you, and tell you that my experience working in other parts of Ontario, is that one of the characteristics of these outbreaks with coronavirus,

despite best efforts of all involved – and I mean, really, this is hugely stressful work for the staff who work in [a facility in] outbreak – that they tend to drag on. It just seems to be something we're observing all over the place."

At Hyland Crest, as of press time, all residents and staff had tested negative for COVID-19 after two essential caregivers – visitors, limited to two, designated by residents or family to help provide care during the pandemic – tested positive on Jan. 31. The outbreak is the first to occur in Haliburton County since the pandemic began last March.

"The Hyland Crest situation is one of the situations which I would describe as a situation, as opposed to an outbreak," said Gemmill. "We're instructed to call them outbreaks and treat them like outbreaks, and to get all the infection control in place, but what we have there ... is two, what we call essential care visitors, those are people nominated by the family to come in and assist with the care. We've got two of those people who have tested positive but neither of them has any symptoms."

The essential caregivers were tested as part of routine testing for anyone entering a long-term care facility.

"We know that in some places, people with no symptoms have been responsible for spreading the virus and so we cannot take any chances. Even if they're false positive tests, we can't take any chances. So that's why we're treating it like an outbreak, even though we only have two people, neither of whom is ill, in that setting."

The caregivers who tested positive are

in isolation, but the long-term care centre is still open to other essential caregivers who are providing care to residents.

"I personally think that's quite a reasonable thing to allow an exemption [from stay-at-home orders] for," said Gemmill. "I think staying at home ... I'm a big fan of it, but here's a situation where they're being tested. The idea of stay-at-home is that you go from home, to where you need to go, and then you go home, and that's what I understand essential caregivers will be doing as well. They're not going out to the pub afterwards, they're going from home, to provide the care at the long-term care home and then back home to reduce the risk not only to themselves but also the people they're looking after."

## Stay-at-home orders reducing both influenza and COVID-19 cases

Gemmill said cases in Ontario had gone from close to 4,000 per day a couple of weeks ago to fewer than 2,000 last week, while cases locally had dropped to 10 or fewer per day.

Additionally, he said influenza cases are at an all-time low – by Jan. 22, he said, just 55 cases were being reported Canada-wide, while normally there would be thousands.

While some people have suggested, Gemmill said, that the reduction in influenza is due to the COVID-19 and influenza viruses competing – an interesting hypothesis, he noted – less international travel and the personal measures people are taking in wearing masks and not gathering also play a factor.

"But also, I'm going to suggest, in addition to that, some of the restrictive measures such as

the lockdown and particularly the stay at home order – because it's been since the stay-at-home order we've seen some of these reductions," he said. "So what's actually happening then? My belief is that the restrictions are working and it's especially these stay-at-home orders – and I'm a very strong supporter of them – I'll go on the record as saying that because I think what it does is send the message out there that we're not to gather. We are seeing the flow being stopped up as the virus cannot circulate without that human-to-human contact."

Gemmill uses an analogy of a flowing garden hose, with stay-at-home orders and other restrictions acting as a sort of thumb over the hose to stop the spread of illness.

"We all know that even though they're making a difference, once we relax the restrictions the case counts will rebound," he said. "Thumb off the hose, it will all start all over again, and that's because there's so many susceptible people out there. I think it's a message we can get out to the population that we have these restrictions in place because we want to keep the numbers down so that people can get a vaccine when we've got it available, and I hope that's not in too many weeks from now."

Gemmill hopes that when it is available, as many residents as possible choose to get a vaccine, hoping that a more normal life can be in place by this fall. While it has been delayed, he said a committee has been struck to ensure that when the vaccine is more readily available, it will be ready for the health unit region's residents.

"These restrictions, can they go on forever? I think they're helpful at the moment, I think they might be unsustainable a year from now. Do we want to be

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## Celebrating the COVID-19 vaccine

Residents and some staff at Extendicare-Haliburton received the first of the Moderna vaccination on Jan. 29, becoming the first residents in Haliburton County to have access to the COVID-19 vaccine. "We had a vaccination party this afternoon with punch and hor d'oeuvres and celebration music," said Kayla Bird, activity aide. "Residents and staff danced and cheered for no COVID in the home! It has been a long year, and this is the beginning of brighter times." /Submitted photo



# Highlands skiers tackle virtual Canadian Ski Marathon

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Starting from Feb. 6, over the next few weeks until March 7, there will be more than 1,200 Nordic skiers gliding and double-poling their way along snow tracked routes all over the country towards achieving personal goals motivated by family connections, a passion for the outdoors and the sense of camaraderie shared among endurance athletes with a desire to push physical and mental boundaries for this year's virtual edition of the Canadian Ski Marathon.

Dubbed North America's longest and oldest Nordic ski tour, this event brings together a group of passionate Nordic skiers seeking a test of the human spirit.

Eagle Lake resident Tina Koskelo, 58, knows the CSM first hand, having completed the bronze Coureur des Bois category held in Lachute, Quebec back in 2005. The bronze includes a demanding 160 kilometres over two days of skiing. She acknowledges the virtual edition will be slightly different, but the heart of the event remains the same.

"It's just a huge participatory event of all ages of people skiing all different distances on some incredibly beautiful and, yes, some challenging terrain. I have that experience and so I have that memory of the spirit of the event. It's quite fabulous and still quite vivid," she said. "For me it's truly part of this COVID-19 year and the events of our lives. Yeah, it's totally different, but still I love to ski and the spirit of the event is quite fabulous when I think of the number of people who are still participating wherever they are. To me it's not diminished. It's a different thing."

The virtual edition is a first for the storied event, which was started 55 years ago.

With this format, participants choose to complete one of the CSM-Taster, the Tourer, the Half Marathon or the most challenging, Coureur des Bois. Distances range from 12 kilometres up to 100 kilometres, which is completed over two days. More than half of the participants this year will complete less than half the maximum distance.

A Nordic skier for more than 30 years, having taken to it as an adult during an Outward Bound course, Koskelo still remembers the event well despite the 16 year absence.

"You know I haven't done events in a long time. I used to really like it. I thought I sort of moved away from that. I just haven't [been] drawn to do them, but this year ... here I am," she said. "It's a crazy event. It's fantastic. It's incredibly challenging when you do the actual marathon in the marathon geography and terrain in Quebec. It's kind of a gift we get to do it locally in our own chosen terrain because we're certainly not going to pick as chal-



Highlands residents Brynn Meyers and mother Alison Bruce take a break from training for the virtual Canadian Ski Marathon, which is open to participation for people to attempt anywhere from Feb. 6 to March 7. The ski marathon is known as the oldest Nordic ski event in North America. Submitted by Alison Bruce

lenging of a course."

The virtual edition of this event also means the longest distance is shortened to 50 kilometres a day compared to the 80 a day when it is held in Quebec, where participants must endure the treacherous descents on rugged routes that traverse private property only created for the event, and the extreme of winter weather from blizzards to rain storms.

Koskelo said she will find support in being able to do it at the same time as her good friend Joleen Thomas, who is looking to earn the most difficult category of the gold Coureur des Bois.

"This year is exceptional and an opportunity to ski with my friend, Joleen. That's really a great thing so we have so many limitations these days on what we're asked to do or not do. We can get our groceries and we can go skiing," she said.

An event like the CSM demands many miles of skiing.

Koskelo is appreciative to all the volunteers in this area with the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail and Ski Club Association for their work in creating and maintaining the trails she uses.

She has simple advice for new CSM participants.

"You just keep going," she said, laughing. "That's the thing. You just keep going."

When it comes to the CSM, Alison Bruce, 58, said the family aspect was central to her decision to decide to participate with her 22-year-old daughter Brynn, who is with her after she graduated from Guelph University last April.

"I don't think I'd be doing it if it weren't for my dad," she said, referring to her father, Stuart Bruce, who died two years ago. "I probably wouldn't have known about it if it weren't for my dad always

doing it. He was always doing stuff like that."

It's been 35 years since she tried to complete the bronze Coureur des Bois with her late-father. She still remembers the pre-dawn bus ride and sleeping overnight at a school gym where hundreds of other skiers slept before the pre-dawn start.

While growing up in London she remembers how her father's love of the outdoors would bring her and her siblings out on day-long excursions to ski along Medway Creek to the Sunnybrook Golf course and back home every Sunday

in the winter.

Her dad started to participate in the CSM when she was in high school and always enlisted one of her four siblings to go with him, which eventually led to her going while in university.

Part of the event includes time limits related to the completion of certain sections on the 80 kilometre course each day. If a participant doesn't complete the section in time, they are pulled from the event. Bruce's 24-year-old son Del, who is studying at Western University, has also signed up. She expects him to complete the CSM at the end of February, but doesn't expect him to do it physically with her because of COVID-19 restrictions for non-essential travel.

The CSM is something Bruce's sister and brother have been doing for the last five years and they called Bruce about the virtual edition.

"You don't have to go all the way to Quebec. You can do it in your own backyard, any time between February 6 and March 7." So, I was like, 'Ohhh.' They said, 'We should do it. Let's do it for dad,' she said.

That led to four of the five Bruce siblings, including Alison, to register to participate.

Bruce said she won't only be skiing in her father's memory, but also on his Nordic classic skis that are 30 years old. "We thought we'd really go for it," she said.

She appreciates the virtual edition for how there is an ability to pick and choose when to ski, which can be an advantage related to picking ideal weather and conditions contrasted with having to endure what happens on the day.

Doing the CSM this year is about

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Haliburton	2	7	0	50	48	2	0	0
Northumberland	27	32	2	394	358	8	9	0
Kawartha Lakes	60	78	1	491	398	25	33	13
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## Two COVID-19 cases remain unresolved

In Haliburton County, no new local cases were reported on Feb. 8, with two current cases not resolved and seven high-risk contacts being reported. Ten new cases were reported in City of Kawartha Lakes and 13 new cases were reported in Northumberland County on Feb. 8. /Screenshot from HKPRHU website



# Variants not yet identified in Haliburton County

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doing this same thing? I don't think so. There's a need to get back to normal."

## Playdates and sleepovers not essential

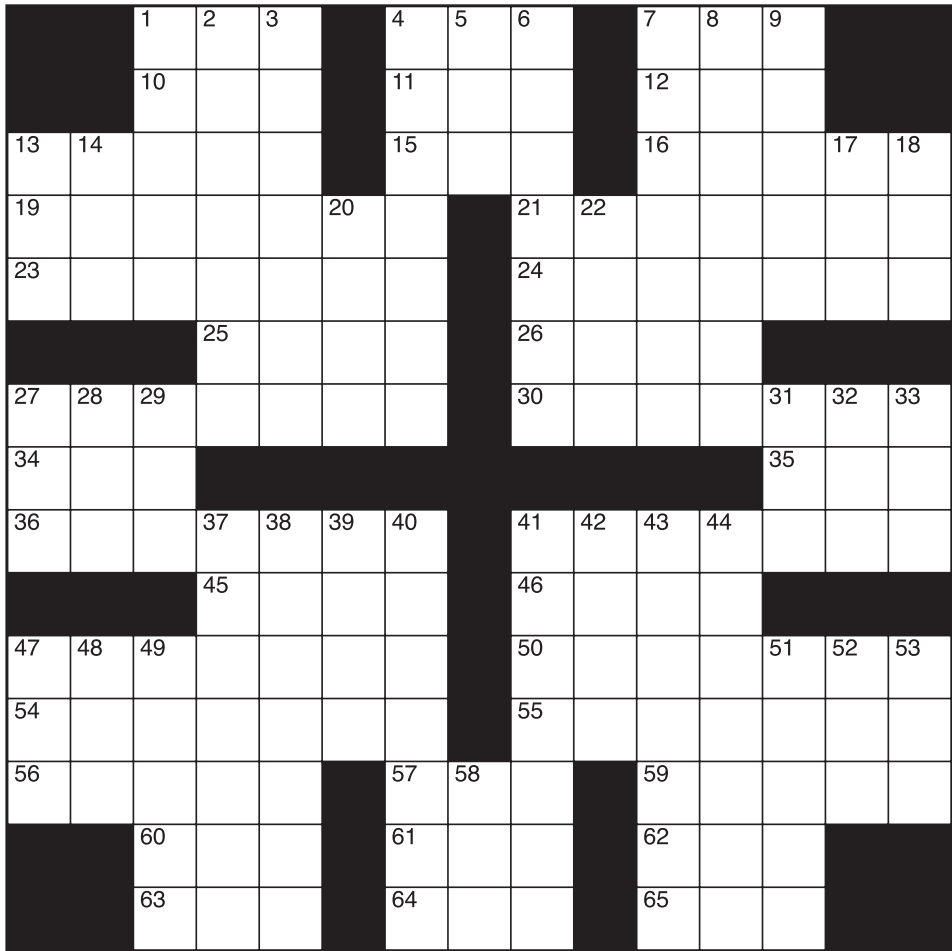
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- 1. \_\_ fi: popular genre
- 4. Curved shape
- 7. Defunct airline
- 10. Beverage receptacle
- 11. Corporate bigwig
- 12. Belong to he
- 13. They cover cuts
- 15. Cost per mille
- 16. Walk into
- 19. Power-producing machine
- 21. Part of one's character perceived by others
- 23. Emotionally appealed to
- 24. Protected
- 25. Wrestling icon Okerlund
- 26. Thailand's former name
- 27. Muscle weaknesses
- 30. Chooses
- 34. American film studio
- 35. Expression of satisfaction
- 36. Mythical winged horse
- 41. Ballplayers
- 45. Edible seaweed
- 46. Chinese politician

- 47. Tested for fertility
- 50. Glove worn with medieval armor
- 54. Basaltic lavas
- 55. Small shoaling fish
- 56. Surrendered
- 57. Taxi
- 59. Potato part
- 60. Female sheep
- 61. Trouble or difficulty
- 62. Put into service
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
- 65. Type of student

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Frighten
- 2. Partner to corned beef
- 3. Parts
- 4. Agrees to a demand
- 5. Elected official
- 6. Navigator's tool
- 7. Relating to heat
- 8. Attractive
- 9. Wealthy US merchant
- 13. Engine additive
- 14. A passage with access only at one end
- 17. Midway between northeast and east

- 18. Cool!
  - 20. Brazilian NBAer
  - 22. NW Pennsylvania city
  - 27. Young dog
  - 28. Mimic
  - 29. Large truck
  - 31. The NFL's Newton
  - 32. One and only
  - 33. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
  - 37. Julie \_\_, actress
  - 38. More nourishing
  - 39. Compound
  - 40. A small carrier attached to the side of a motorcycle
  - 41. Object of fear or alarm
  - 42. \_\_ Ladd, actor
  - 43. Sacred place
  - 44. A way to express enjoyment
  - 47. Trigonometric function
  - 48. A team's best pitcher
  - 49. Intersecting points
  - 51. Roundish shaped
  - 52. Adam's partner
  - 53. God of battle (Scandinavian)
  - 58. Human hormone
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locally to staff and students on Jan. 25, with additional health and safety measures including mask-wearing during recess and breaks, and an ask from the school board that people not congregate before and after school. When asked for clarification on that ask, specifically in regards to playdates and sleepovers, Gemmill said they're best avoided.

"The way I would characterize it is, at schools there is some element of control over the type of interaction between students," said Gemmill. "Yes, they're in the same classroom, but there is a semblance of order I think, in how kids interact and so it's not zero, [but] I think it's lower than it might be say for example, [for kids getting together for a sleepover.]"

Gemmill has said that confirmed COVID-19 cases in schools have remained low, but it is not clear if that is because students are less likely to contract the virus, or if they are asymptomatic. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 in kids who physically attend school were not associated with continued transmission within the school, he has said, and spread has been controlled there.

"To me, the stay-at-home order is stay at home unless there's an essential reason to leave, and that is essential work that some people do, whether it's public transportation or healthcare or groceries or [essential caregivers] or whatever it is, but I consider education of children to be amongst those essential reasons ... if you're not leaving home for those reasons, you shouldn't be leaving home. And so yes, I think going to school is an essential reason, but going for a sleepover is not. That's still part of stay-at-home."

## Variants not yet identified in Haliburton County or health unit region

In response to a question from media about coronavirus variants and whether or not Gemmill is concerned about their

spread, he noted: "the answer is, we have to be."

Currently, the variants have not been identified in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district.

"We've seen what happened in Italy in March and April, we saw what happened in the UK, in New York, and now as I understand it, California," he said. "There seem to be some strains of this virus that seem to be able to race through institutions and congregate living homes causing a huge number of cases and sometimes mortality as well."

A recent report showed more than 5 per cent of positive COVID-19 cases collected in a study last month tested positive for B.1.1.7 or B.1.353 variants, which are considered to be more highly infectious, with the majority of those positive tests being reported in the Simcoe-Muskoka public health unit, 85 of them linked to the Roberta Place long-term care home outbreak in Barrie.

"I certainly don't envy anybody who is dealing with the outbreak in Barrie," said Gemmill. "It's heartbreaking. It's heartbreaking, I know, for the families of course but it's also certainly heartbreaking for the people who are responsible for their care, staff and the public health people working there. We don't want that to happen."

In any outbreak that occurs, at least one of the proved positive specimens will be run for screening for the variants, including in the HKPRD health unit region. Gemmill noted that some experts are predicting a variant will replace the less transmissible stream and will become the predominant stream, so he said our own local health unit has to be watching for it.

"Is it only a matter of time?," asked Gemmill. "Well, possibly, if we can keep the restrictions in place, maybe we'll be lucky. I'm a realist as well as sometimes an optimist. I think that it could be only a matter of time, depending on how quickly we can get people protected [through vaccine]."

# Guilford loses 'significant part' of its history

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A significant part of Guilford history has passed with the death of Ray Sisson on Feb. 2. Ray died peacefully at Haliburton Hospital, the last of the twelve born to Jane & Mark Sisson. He had seven brothers and four sisters. Married to Norma Hague, they raised a family of four: Kristine Sisson, Karlene Cooney of Eagle Lake, Neilson of Ross River in the Yukon, and Darren of Kirby, Ont. Unfortunately, they lost an 18-month daughter, Carla Jane, the second one in the family.

Ray's ninety-seven years were productive as farmer, lumberman, carpenter and worker at the Eagle Lake Cooperaage.

With only 10 people able to be admitted, the funeral, conducted by the family, was held at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home on Feb. 5. Later, pos-

sibly April, interment will be at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake where Ray will be laid to rest alongside his brothers and sisters.

Many were the large celebrations of birthdays, anniversaries, even my son Andy and Kim's wedding celebration, held at the community centre, the site of the original school which Ray had attended. Two of his teachers were Margaret Harris and Ivan Hagerman. He, Ron Sisson, Earl Cooper, Lavern Cruikshanks, Gordon Jones, Noel Griffin & Lila Griffin were among the number of classmates.

Although this is far from a complete account of Ray's life, it is an acknowledgement of a fine life well lived and well loved by many.

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## Winter memories, one lap at a time

The Voytek family of Hudson, from left, father Steve, mother Jill and older brother Davis skate at the public outdoor ice rink on Saturday in Haliburton. With too much ice on Drag Lake where the family has a skating pad, the Voytek's came to town to skate at the rink for the first time. Dysart Township asks users to practice physical distancing of three metres between people outside your household while skating. "Under the Provincial Shutdown orders, outdoor gatherings of more than five people are not permitted. Playing sports is not permitted, including hockey. For the time being, no sticks or pucks are allowed at the outdoor rinks." They encourage visitors to bring their own shovel and completely remove the snow from the surface to avoid the creation of "soft spots and big bumps." /DARREN LUM Staff

Seven-year-old Hudson Voytek looks up to his father Steve.



Nine-year-old Davis Voytek skates through his father's legs while mom looks on, laughing.

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# Finding fulfillment in overcoming challenges, fueled by a passion for the outdoors

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sharing an experience by being apart.

"It's a fun way to do it and a fun way to be with your friends and family that aren't with you," she said.

First time CSM participant Lauren Green, 35, of the Highlands is excited about her first 50 kilometre event and first time in the CSM. It fulfills her competitive drive, but also satisfies her passion for the outdoors.

The married woman with two young boys at three-years-old and six months sees the entire experience related to Nordic skiing as something that makes her smile.

"I like the race atmosphere a lot because it pushes me, but at the end of the day it's just about challenging myself and seeing how far I can go, how hard I can work and for me it's a mental break," she said. "Like everybody who gets out and exercises and gets outside just knows that. Especially this year with everything that's been going on. It is just a gift to be able to get outside and ski and feel that fresh air and just be in the backwoods. A lot of people just don't get to get that far into the woods especially in the winter, you know? That just brings me so much joy."

She adds getting outside also helps her to be the best person she can be, as a wife and a mother.

Like her other passion of running, she said, Nordic skiing is more about surpassing personal limits than going faster than someone.

Green has been Nordic skiing for the last seven years, but her start with Nordic equipment came before – with the sport of skijoring with her dogs – getting pulled by a dog on Nordic skis.

Before Nordic, she was a lifelong alpine skier.

She said typically the CSM is a classic-only event so with the virtual aspect this year she considered registering since an open category with her preferred discipline of skate skiing is permitted.

She said getting to do this with her good friend of close to four years, Kyra Powell will help to enrich the CSM experience.

"Doing it with Kyra I know we'll be able to just help each other along, you know? It's very much a solo sport so it's kind of fun to set that goal with someone else. Even if we're not skiing right beside each other we have each other to keep going when it gets tough," she said.

The two met each other when their children were first born in a midwife pre-natal class and while Powell got Green into trail running, it was Green who got Powell into Nordic skiing.

Technically, they are registered for the 45 kilometre half-marathon category to be done at one time, but will still complete 50 kilometres.

Like Green, Joleen Thomas sees the advantage of getting to share the experience with her good friend Koskelo.

"This is such a gift to be able to [do it with her]. The year that she did it I was unable to participate and she's not wanted to participate the years I have and to be able to do it at home together ... I'm so excited to be able to do this. We'll be able to motivate each other," she said.

Thomas, a 44-year-old mother of three children, is the veteran among this group with 15 years of experience, who has earned her permanent Tourer bib.

She sees the value in being able to endure and to develop resiliency.



Lauren Green is one of several Highlands residents, who have been logging the Nordic ski miles in preparation for this years virtual edition of the Canadian Ski Marathon. Open to participation from Feb. 6 to March 7, the ski marathon is known as the oldest Nordic ski event in North America. / Photo submitted

"Everybody chooses something really hard in their lives. I value having a fit and able body, and I recognize when I'm not able to use my body how limiting that is and how sad that makes me feel and so the fact I'm able to use it I enjoy pushing it a little bit further than what most people would feel comfortable, but I think in everyone's lives [we choose to push ourselves to feel discomfort which] gives us a great sense of accomplishment once we reach a goal," she said.

It's always been a goal for her to earn her permanent gold bib.

The road to earning the chance to earn her gold this year wasn't easy. It took her five attempts over five years to get the silver Coureur des Bois, prerequisite for the gold category.

"In some years I didn't get it the first day. I didn't make the cutoff. It was a slow ski year ... other years I skied eight sections and then my elbows – I just couldn't pole another stroke even if I wanted to and so I had to bail out. My elbows gave me grief over a few of those years," she said. "I remember one year I had frost bite so bad they pulled me off the course in the middle of one of the sections because I didn't even snowplow across the road. It was like I was going right into the trees," she said.

The central theme among the participants is how all the skiers are pursuing individual goals, and, yet, are part of a group of like-minded people, experiencing the same hardship, but also revelling in the same fulfillment and joy that comes with overcoming.

Thomas adds it serves her children well to see that enduring difficult experiences can be fun.

"We all can do hard things and by teaching this resiliency to cold, to fatigue or things like that, I'm hoping it instills life long lessons for them," Thomas said. "But it doesn't always need to be fun to be enjoyable."

First timers such as Mike Rieger and Erin Smith with

two young children saw the virtual CSM as a great opportunity.

"Our motivation for doing it is a combination of fitness, challenging ourselves and getting to spend lots of time outside. The virtual event is great, because it would be really difficult to figure out the logistics of doing the actual event with work and little kids at home," he wrote.

Rieger said he learned to Nordic ski as a child and knew of the CSM from his father, who was a avid skier and regular CSM participant. Smith grew up in Los Angeles and didn't start Nordic skiing until 10 years ago while in Canada. Both of them love the outdoors and Nordic skiing. It will be their first race and believe their skiing this season has taken on purpose and focus because of the CSM.

Thomas' goal to complete the gold coureur des bois has its own unique challenges beyond the 100 kilometre distance. She needs to carry a backpack while skiing so she is self-reliant and prepared to camp out at night between days – this will have to be modified to a certain degree, as certain facilities in the Highlands don't permit overnight camping.

Part of the contents of her pack include bedding (down sleeping bag with compression stuff sack, bivy bag), down fill booties instead of boots, a complete change of base layer clothing for day two.

With the virtual edition, Thomas said she was placing a large plastic bin with a lid and filled it with consumables and placed it along the trail off to the side so she can refuel and refill her water bottle every 15 kilometres.

In Quebec, her contents for her bag would have included swim goggles to protect her eyes from the smoke from the fire so she could get as close as possible to dry her clothes and to become warmer.

As far as sleeping outside in the Highlands, she said she will carry her sleeping bag and a bivy sack, but forego a sleeping pad to keep weight down.

Thomas is excited to ski the event close to home.

"I'm really looking forward to skiing on home ground because quite often a lot of the trails in the Ski Marathon are snowmobile trails or single track, cut through the woods just for that weekend so they're not actually on ski trails. Some of them are on the side of the road or the side of lakes. I'm really excited to not be scared to ski the event," she said.

Completing this means a lot to Thomas because she wasn't able to complete it the last time, having been pulled off the course part way through her gold effort after she became so fatigued and dehydrated that she thought the trees were jumping in front her. Although she returned to complete the event after some rest and food, she did not complete every section and so did not receive her gold bib.

"In the world of the Ski Marathon having your permanent gold bib is a legacy. It's kind of what the diehards in this event aspire to get," she said.

After starting in 1999, this will be the end of the road for Thomas, who says the only way she would participate again in the coureur des bois would be if one of her children wanted to do it.

The CSM isn't just for the adults.

Thomas' three children (Olivia, 14, Violet, 12 and Tristan, 10) will also be embarking on their own adventure with her husband, Stuart Humphries, who went with Thomas to participate in the tourer category in 2006.

It's all about just getting them out the door, he said.

"Once they're on the trail they're fine. The big challenge is convincing them to get dressed and get in the van and actually get there," he said. "Once they're there it's fine. They love skiing."

They will attempt to complete as many 15-kilometre segments as they can in a day.

This isn't their first endurance effort, as they have completed the Ski Three Challenge earlier this year in January, which is the outer loop of the Twin Lakes, Glebe Park and Moosewoods. Although their effort was broken up by travel and eating between the trails on the same day, it is 23 kilometres in length.

Thomas said their participation in the CSM is about giving them their own experience and for them to learn first hand the importance of putting in the work to achieve a goal.

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The virtual component, Thomas said, is unique for everybody, whether it's for her with 15 years of the CSM or the first time CSM skiers such as Green, Powell, Rieger and Smith

"This is the first time for all of us so it'll be interesting to see what kind of experience comes out of it at the end. I can predict what it might look like, but that's the thing there's always a story. There's always so many stories. When you finish that day [there are] stories that you talk about forever," she said.



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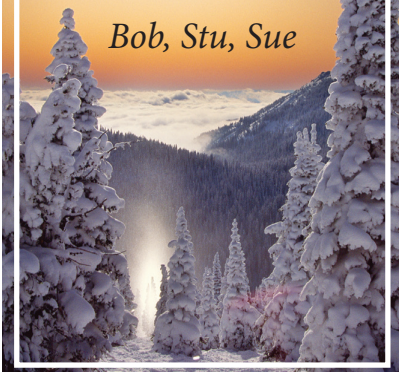
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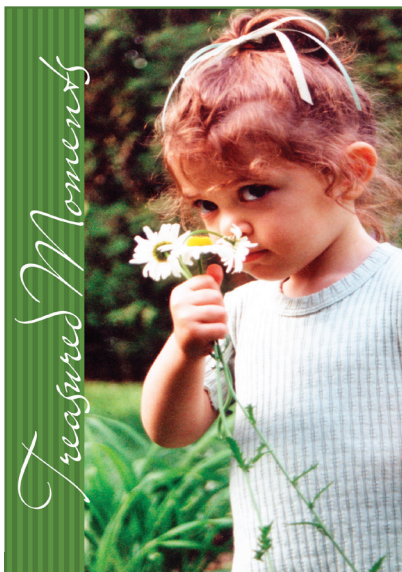


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### Private Visitation & Graveside Service

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Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Andresa, Sascha, Aleatha, Bryan (Kim), David (Nancy), Donna, Jaiden and his great grandchildren Lotus, Phoenix, Quest, Eros, Sydney, Makenzy, Riley, Alex, Zoe and by his great great grandchildren Noah and Madelyn. Predeceased by his brothers Andy, Brant, Carl, Calvin, Holly, Max, Don and by his sisters Ina, Ida (Sarah), May, Vivian and their spouses and by his daughter Carla Jane in infancy. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Ray worked in Hay & Co Lumber Mill in Kennisis Lake and the Cooperage in Eagle Lake. For many years we worked with with Ronald S. Sisson Builders as a carpenter and as a farmer for many years. He loved his trips to the Yukon, eating at the Mandarin and gardening. Ray would talk to anyone and would always make time for others.

### Private Visitation & Graveside Service

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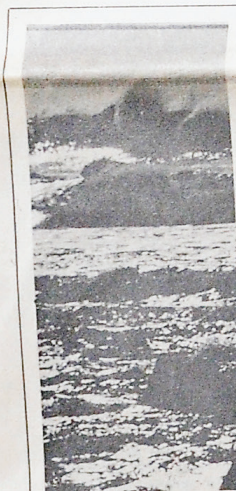
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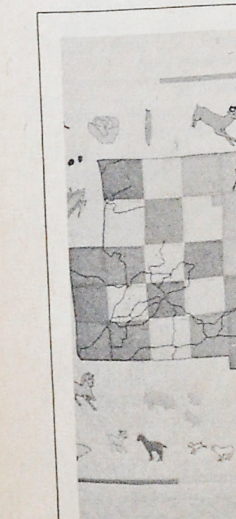
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## Resort to be developed on Head Lake

### Dysart et al agrees to concept, will sell 30 acre section of Glebe Park

Dysart et al council will sell 30 acres of its Glebe Park property on Head Lake to a Toronto based company which wants to build a \$10 million time sharing resort.

Council confirmed on Monday that it is considering a proposal from Sherwood Developments Ltd., which wants to erect 30 log dwellings and support facilities on the site. The buildings would be placed on lots a minimum of 100 feet wide, including eight which would front on the lake. Other lots would face paved roads built to municipal standards by the developer. All buildings would be serviced by sanitary sewers connected to the Dysart pollution plant. The developer would leave a buffer zone along the lakeshore to preserve the natural vegetation, and the public would continue to have access to snowmobile and cross country skiing trails which pass through the property.

While council is still negotiating with the development company, Reeve Murray Fearrey said that the company would begin marketing the project as early as this spring if all the required conditions can be met.

The property to be developed is adjacent to the Haliburton Highlands Museum, and is part of the 130 acre Glebe Park parcel.

Council has obtained two independent appraisals of the property, and expects to sell it for about \$200,000 to Sherwood Developments. The money would be placed in trust, with the interest earmarked for development of Glebe Park. The principal would remain untouched, Fearrey said.

Under the time sharing scheme proposed by the developers, people would purchase one or two week blocks of time, giving them full use of one of the log dwellings, and support facilities, including tennis courts, a swimming pool, sauna, boat launching ramp and docks. Up to 100 people could be vacationing on the site for most or all of the year.

"It will certainly have an impact on the community if the project goes forward," Fearrey said, citing the economic benefits which could accrue to local businesses from the additional population.

While council is pleased with the potential benefits of the resort, it has moved cautiously from the outset, according to Fearrey. He said the municipality is "concerned, because it is not familiar with time sharing as such".

Councillors have travelled to oth-

### Guild seeks more money from council

The Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts has begun a pitch for more money from Dysart et al council. Council contributed about \$7,000 to the Guild and its main project, the Rails' End Gallery, in 1983, but board members have made it clear that more will be needed if the Guild is to continue the scope of its present operations.

Board member Ken Wilson told council on Monday that the Guild's financial position "is not strong". It is expected that the organization will have a deficit of about \$10,000 when its fiscal year ends in May. In 1983, the Guild had a deficit of \$9,041 on total expenditures of \$114,023.

Main reason for the shortfall, council was told, is a decline in donations and memberships, occasioned at least partly by the turmoil surrounding the dismissal of former curator Lucinda St. Pierre. As well, the organization has found it difficult to budget for the cost of shows at the gallery, since they must be booked as much as a year and a half before they come to Haliburton, and charges can escalate in the interim.

Speaking in support of the

areas to take a close look at time sharing resorts and talk to officials in those areas. The municipality will ensure that "every safeguard is built in" to its agreement with the development company, Fearrey said.

Because the development will be

hooked into sanitary sewers and a buffer zone will be maintained along the lakeshore, no environmental impact study is anticipated, according to the reeve. An official plan amendment will be necessary, however, to rezone the 30 acre parcel.

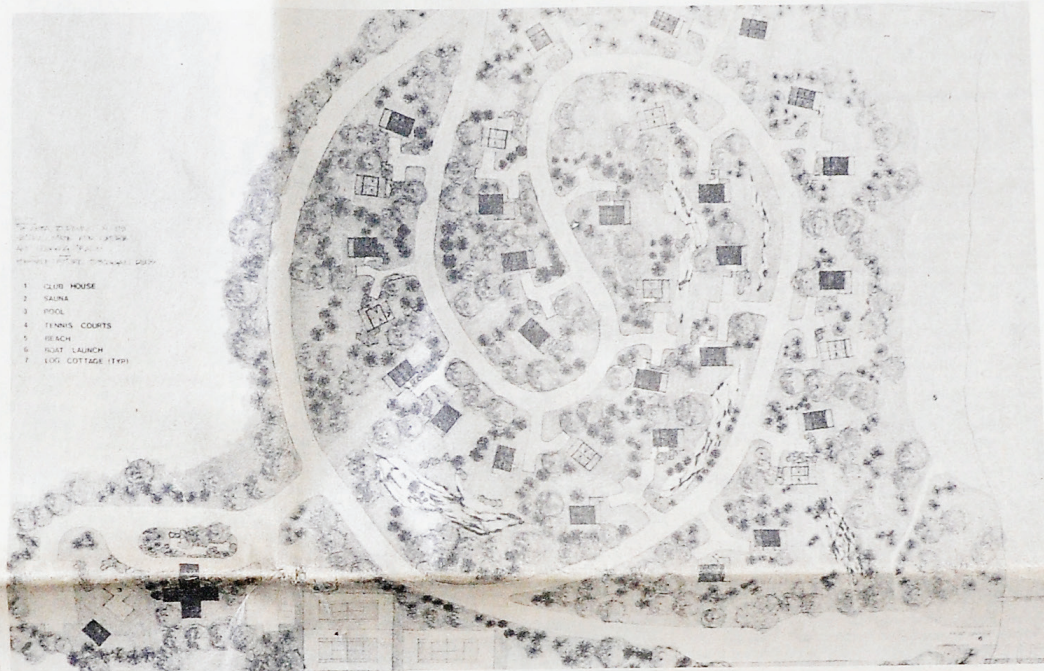
Council is "viewing it as 30 additional residences in the community," the reeve said.

It is expected that the developers would use local contractors to carry out work on the project wherever possible.

"If everything falls into place,

they would hope to be marketing the units in the spring or summer of this year," Fearrey said.

Council will meeting with representatives of the company later this month to discuss the price of the land and other details of the proposed project.



This is an artist's sketch of the proposed time sharing development which Sherwood Developments hopes to construct on a 30 acre property fronting on Head Lake in Haliburton. Council is negotiating with the

company at the moment, and if details can be worked out, construction could begin as early as this spring. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$10 million.

## Dysart says no to radar unit funds

### Councillors say province should equip local police, refuse cost share

Despite a request from former county warden Bill Howe, Dysart et al council will not contribute to the purchase of a mobile radar unit for the Minden detachment of the OPP.

At a meeting Monday, council voted against bearing a portion of the estimated \$2,500 cost of the unit. Reeve Murray Fearrey voted in favour of assisting the purchase, while councillor Dorothy Baker abstained.

The request from Howe was contained in a letter sent to the reeves of every municipality in Haliburton County.

Howe said he had been "made aware of what I consider a serious situation in the county. The OPP are hampered in controlling speeding due to the lack of a mobile radar unit being at Minden detachment's disposal on a full time basis."

Howe said that because of restraint programs and cut backs in funding levels, the province has said it will not fund the purchase of a mobile radar unit for the exclusive use of the Minden detachment. (At the moment Minden shares a unit with the Cobocook detachment).

"We are all aware of the carnage taking place because of excessive speed and the use of alcohol and drugs, which certainly warrants this necessary protection," the former warden said.

He suggested that the cost of the unit could be shared equally among the 10 municipalities in the county, or apportioned according to the contributions to the county budget. In the \$250, and in the second, approximately \$700.

While Reeve Murray Fearrey was in favour of backing Howe's request, other members of council were not.

Councillor Sid Cooper said he felt the purchase would be "a waste of money". Cooper said that police would "only catch one guy every 15 minutes, and it's probably the wrong guy anyway." He said the unit would be "just a way to keep (the police) busy."

Councillor Glen Hodgson noted that the radar unit should be basic equipment for the detachment, and as such, should be provided by the province rather than by a direct

contribution from local taxpayers. Deputy reeve Gary McKnight expressed a similar view.

"If the government thinks that a radar unit is important, then (the OPP) should have it. But I don't see why we should be involved at all."

Reeve Murray Fearrey said that while he agreed in principle with that position, it was clear that the province was not going to make funds available to buy the unit.

"If it's any deterrent at all, I think we should have it," he said, in support of assisting the purchase. "It could save a life."

But Hodgson, McKnight and councillor Lloyd Leadbeater voted against contributing municipal funds for the unit. Fearrey voted for it, and Baker abstained, although other councillors pointed out that to abstain was to vote against the purchase.

## Crime up, meeting is told

BY CREIGHTON FEIR

The crime rate is increasing in Haliburton County, mainly due to economic conditions, and break and entries, especially around cottages, are up 47% over the same period in 1982.

These facts were presented to a concerned crowd of nearly 35 citizens who were on hand at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Monday night to attend the first meeting of the Haliburton Village Neighbourhood Watch Program. The meeting, which was held to explain the Neighbourhood Watch self-help property protection program, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Haliburton in co-operation with the Ontario Provincial Police.

Purpose of the Neighbourhood Watch program, according to pamphlet handed out at the meeting, is to encourage neighbours to watch other neighbour's property during times when burglaries are likely to occur. A police officer patrolling a community may not recognize a stranger in your yard - but your neighbours would.

Minden Detachment Community Services officer Gary Chapman presented a film showing how burglars operate and how crime can be brought under control if people call the O.P.P. when suspicious persons or activities are observed in a neighbourhood.

Chapman said the O.P.P. will help in this program whenever they are called on but said it must be set up and run by interested citizens in the community.

Sergeant Bill Bailey outlined ways that the average citizen can protect himself, one of which is to join Operation Identification. He said thieves usually stay away from homes and buildings when they know that the serial numbers and other information make the stolen item hard to dispose of. Bailey also stressed that vehicles should always be locked. Statistics show that 80% of stolen cars have been left of stolen cars have been left

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## Building permits rise

An upsurge in the Canadian economy is seen as the reason for a substantial jump in construction that boosted Dysart et al's tax base by almost \$5 million last year.

A total of 283 building permits were issued in the municipality in 1983, for structures with an estimated value of \$4,797,700.

The permits were for 23 dwellings, valued at \$1,103,500, 56 seasonal residences with an estimated

value of \$1,995,500, and 204 repairs, alterations, additions, garages and other structures, with an estimated value of \$1,698,700.

While not all of the structures covered by the permits have been completed, their total estimated value will be added to the assessment base of the municipality once they are finished.

The 283 permits brought the municipality \$5,731 in fees in 1983.

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Experience the freedom of fractional ownership in Chandler Point on beautiful Kashagawigamog Lake. A fully furnished, 3 bdrm/2 bath cottage steps from the beach and outdoor activities. Bring your personal items and groceries to enjoy a maintenance free cottage life. Chandler Point offers a boat dock, canoes/kayaks for use, a playing field and campfire site located on the point to take in amazing views. Annual fee includes property taxes, maintenance and contribution to a reserve fund for ongoing improvements to the cottage and land. Allotted 5 weeks use through the year and shared with 9 owners.

### VACANT LOTS



Angel Road \$129,000+HST  
1.63AC



Highway 118 \$119,000  
10.75AC



Haliburton Lake Road \$119,000  
23.52AC

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